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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT KAMENSK-SHAKHTINSKIY SOLID MOTOR PRODUCTION PLANT, USSR

An extensive new construction program was observed at Kamensk-Shakhtinskiy Solid Motor Production Plant, USSR,

Construction was observed at two of the three casting and curing buildings and at one of the two mixing buildings. Preparations for construction were underway at one of the two premix buildings and at one of the two fuel and additives preparation buildings. Additional construction activity was observed outside the northwest corner of the plant aligned with the three casting and curing buildings. The new construction program at this plant indicates a change in production, probably either to modify an existing ICBM program or to implement a program for a new solid ICBM.

A large, rectangular building was being constructed adjacent to an earth barricade at the northern casting and curing building. The utility lines extending to this casting and curing building (which would have impeded construction) had been dismantled. Portions of the earth barricade at the rear of this casting and curing building had also been removed: construction material was observed nearby. Construction activity was also underway near the middle casting and curing building. One T-shaped building was observed under construction immediately north of the barricade; one T-shaped excavation, probably for another T-shaped building, was observed immediately south of the barricade. A portion of the barricade which surrounds the mixing building had been removed, indicating that modifications will soon begin on this building. A construction van and construction materials were observed near the premix building and near the fuel and additives preparation building. A portion of the utility lines in this area appears to have been removed. Most of this new construction and modification activity was being wall secured from the rest of the plant. A rectangular graded area, apparently for plant expansion, was observed immediately outside the plant and north of the northern casting and curing building. A large excavation was observed within this graded area.

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Other expansion at this plant occurred between April 1976 and April 1977. This expansion included three probable case preparation buildings constructed east of the plant and connected by overhead pipe galleries to the eastern part of the plant. The eastward expansion of the plant observed in 1976 and the new construction and modification to the propellant production lines newly observed in April 1977 indicate a change in production capability for this plant.

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